

A 'footnote' in his life

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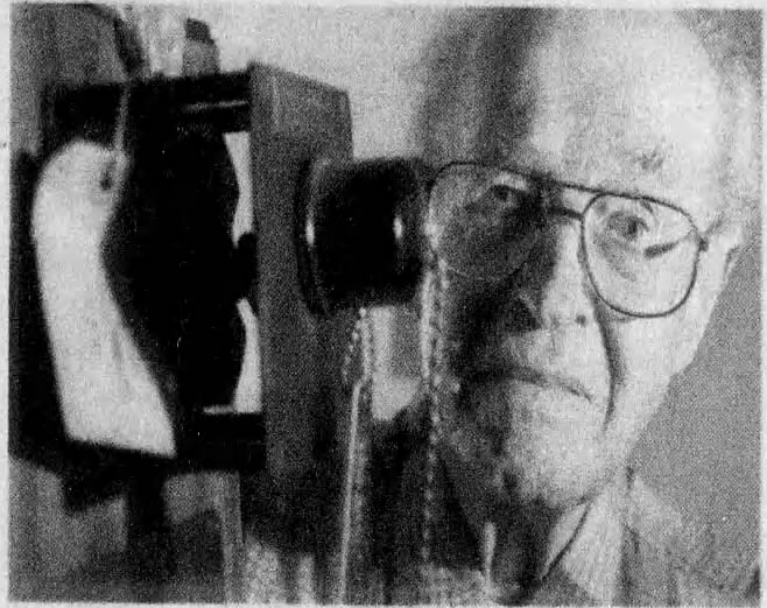
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That warning was ignored. The two saw something "larger than anything I had ever seen on radar before," the Lower Paxton Twp. man said years later. "I knew that something wasn't right. I just didn't know what."

That something turned into a major attack from the Imperial Japanese Navy that left 2,335 U.S. servicemen dead, 18 American warships sunk or badly damaged and more than 200 U.S. planes destroyed.

Lockard, who died Nov. 2, was modest about that moment in history, which he once called "a footnote" in his life. "I've



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Joseph Lockard of Lower Paxton Twp. holds a lock switch for the rectifier on the 270b radar that he operated during the attack of Pearl Harbor.

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